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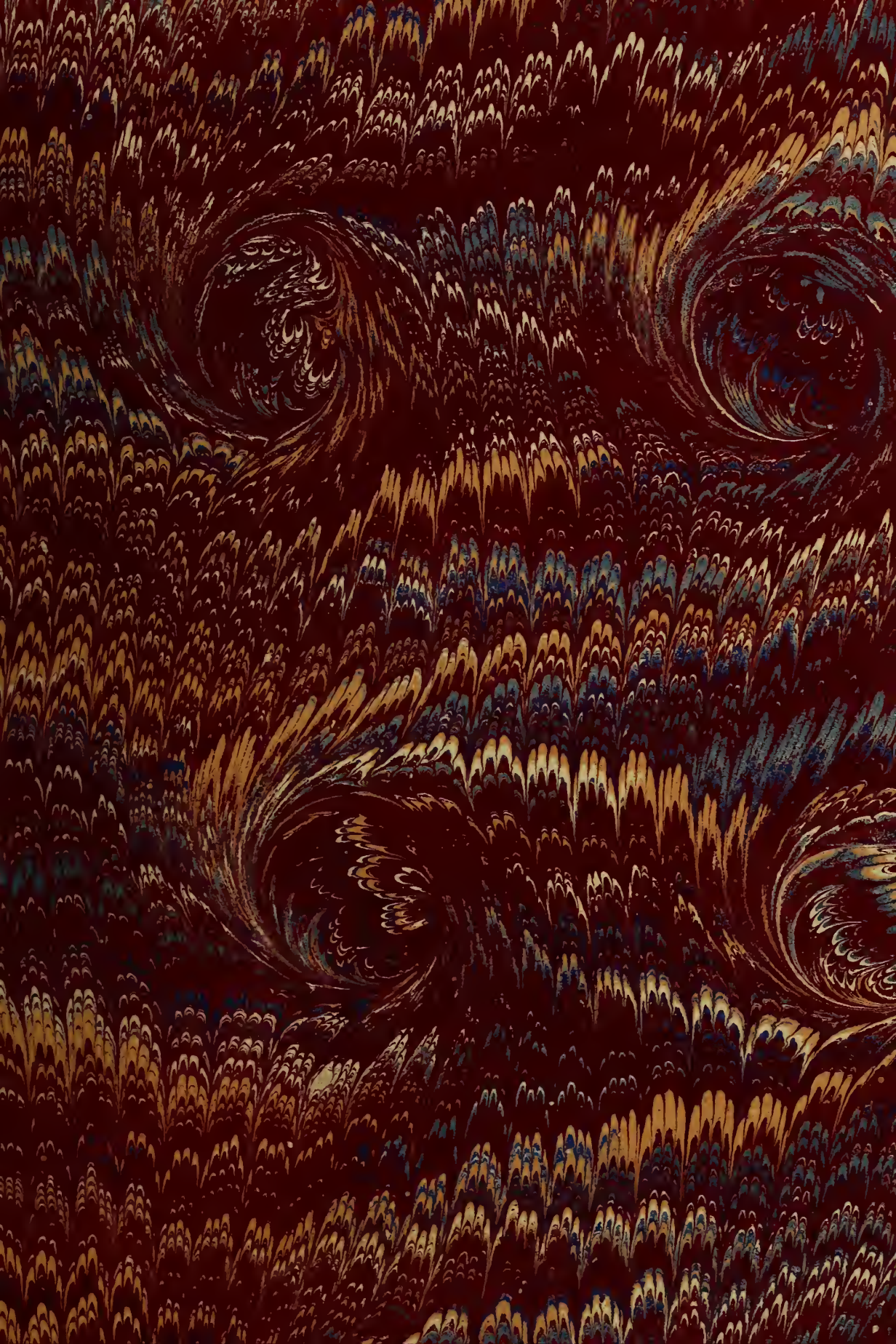

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GEORGE the Third, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. conſidering, that whereas James MacDowall, Eſquire, Lord Provoſt of the City of Glaſgow, hath, by his Petition on behalf of himſelf and the other Contributors to the Glaſgow Infirmary, humbly repreſented to his Majeſty, that an Infirmary for the relief of perſons labouring under poverty and diſeaſe, has been long wanted in the City of Glaſgow, and in the adjoining counties of Scotland, and is become more neceſſary at preſent than at any former period, on account of the proſperous ſtate of Manufactures in Glaſgow and its neighbourhood, and the increaſed population of thoſe Claſſes of Manufacturers and Labourers, of every kind, who are moſt likely to require charitable aſſiſtance. That though the City of Glaſgow hath ever paid the greateſt attention to the diſeaſed poor, and the Phyſicians and Surgeons have not only given gratuitous advice and aſſiſtance, but on many occaſions, furniſhed them with Medicines, yet, as the number of the diſeaſed poor is conſtantly increaſing, they find themſelves altogether incapable of giving that relief which their caſes require, particularly while the poor and diſeaſed live diſperſed in different parts of a large City and its

Suburbs, and are not under their regular and daily inſpection. That certain charitable and well diſpoſed perſons, well affected to his Majeſty's perſon and government, feeling for the miſerable ſtate of the diſeaſed poor, and deſirous of contributing to their relief, have raiſed a ſum of Money, by voluntary ſubſcription, to be applied, under certain Rules and Regulations, for the purpoſe of erecting and ſupporting an Infirmary in the City of Glaſgow, where the ſick poor may be collected together, and may have all the advantages of lodging, attendance, diet, medicine, and the ableſt advice and aſſiſtance. That the Petitioner and the ſaid other Contributors, are adviſed, and do moſt firmly believe, that if they and all future Contributors were inveſted with Corporate Powers, their charitable deſign would be rendered more beneficial and extenſive, their funds greatly increaſed, and would be more properly and with better ſecurity applied; And therefore moſt humbly prayeth, that his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to grant, to the Contributors to the Glaſgow Infirmary, his Royal Charter, incorporating them, and their ſucceſſors, in the management of the affairs of the ſaid Infirmary, into a body politic and corporate, by the name of the GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY, with a perpetual ſucceſſion, with powers to uſe a Common Seal, to ſue and be ſued, to purchaſe Lands, make Bye Laws, and with all other neceſſary and uſual powers—His Majeſty having taken the ſaid Petition into his Royal conſideration, and being willing to give all proper encouragement to the ſaid Society, Therefore his Majeſty, in compliance with the ſaid humble requeſt, and by virtue of his prerogative royal and of his ſpecial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, ORDAINS a Charter to be made and paſſed, under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept in Scotland, in place of the Great Seal thereof, Granting, Conſtituting, Declaring and appointing, as his Majeſty by theſe preſents Grants, Conſtitutes, Declares and Appoints, that the ſaid James MacDowall, Eſquire, and all and every the Contributors and Donors who have already ſubſcribed, or who ſhall hereafter contribute to the funds of the ſaid Society, ſhall be, and be called, one Corporation and Body-corporate and politic, by the name and ſtile of the GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY, and that they and their Succeſſors ſhall forever hereafter have a perpetual Succeſſion for the purpoſes of the better and more effectually managing, directing, ordering and appointing in

all matters and things reſpecting the ſaid Society, and the funds thereunto belonging: And his Majeſty, for the purpoſes aforeſaid, doth, by theſe preſents make, create, conſtitute and eſtabliſh, the ſaid James MacDowall, and ſuch other perſons as have already contributed, or ſhall hereafter contribute to the funds of the ſaid Society, into a Corporation or Body-corporate and politic forever, by the name and ſtile of the GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY; and that the ſaid Corporation, by the name and ſtile aforeſaid, ſhall and may be able and capable in Law, to purchaſe, hold and enjoy, in perpetuity, Lands, Tenements, and any other Eſtate or Eſtates of Inheritance, not exceeding the yearly value of One Thouſand pounds Sterling, to lend any Sum, or Sums of Money, to any perſon or perſons, upon heritable or perſonal ſecurities, or ſuch ſecurities as they ſhall think fit; to erect Houſes, to hold Goods and Chattels, and to receive and hold Donations and Legacies, for the purpoſes aforeſaid; and alſo, that, in the name and ſtile aforeſaid, the ſaid Corporation ſhall and may ſue and be ſued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in whatſoever Courts and places, and before whatſoever Judges, Juſtices, and other Officers in all Actions, Pleas, Complaints, Accounts, matters and demands whatſoever, and in ſuch manner and form as any of his Majeſty's ſubjects able and capable in the Law, or any other body-politic and corporate may or can; and alſo, that the ſaid Corporation ſhall and may have a common Seal for the doing of all manner of buſineſs and cauſes of them and their Succeſſors, and that it ſhall and may be lawful for them, and their Succeſſors, to break, change or new make the ſame Seal, from time to time, as to them or the majority of them ſhall ſeem expedient; which Seal ſhall be kept by the Preſident, Treaſurer or Clerk of the ſaid Society, one of whom ſhall attend with it at all meetings where it ſhall be required.

And his Majeſty for himſelf and his heirs and ſucceſſors, directs, orders, and appoints, that the affairs of the ſaid Corporation ſhall be from time to time governed and directed by twenty-five Managers and Directors, whereof the Lord Provoſt of Glaſgow for the time being, the Member of Parliament for the city of Glaſgow for the time being, the Dean of Guild of the ſaid city for the time being, the Deacon Convener of the Trades of the ſaid city for the time being, the Profeſſor of Medicine of the College of Glaſgow for the time being, the Profeſſor of Anatomy of the ſaid College for the time be-

ing, the Preſident of the Faculty of Phyſicians and Surgeons in the ſaid city for the time being, making in all ſeven in number, ſhall be perpetual Managers or Directors of the ſaid Infirmary without election or nomination: That the remaining eighteen Managers ſhall be annually elected at the times, and in the manner, after preſcribed, out of the following claſſes or deſcriptions of men, that is to ſay, one Manager ſhall be annually nominated by the Town Council of the city of Glaſgow, one other Manager by the Merchants' houſe of the ſaid city, one other Manager by the Trades-houſe of the ſaid city, one other Manager by the Faculty of the College of Glaſgow; but that theſe Societies ſhall not be limited in their nomination of Managers to their actual Members, but may nominate ſuch other fit perſons as they may think proper: That three other Managers ſhall be nominated by the Faculty of Phyſicians and Surgeons out of the incorporated Members of the ſaid Faculty, two of them always being Surgeons, but when neither the Profeſſor of Medicine nor the Profeſſor of Anatomy in the College of Glaſgow ſhall be Phyſicians, the third Manager to be nominated by the ſaid Incorporation ſhall always be a Phyſician, and alſo, that when the Preſident of the Faculty of Phyſicians and Surgeons ſhall happen to be either Profeſſor of Medicine or Profeſſor of Anatomy in the College of Glaſgow, then, and in that caſe, another Phyſician ſhall be elected a Manager by them out of the ſaid Incorporation, ſo that three annual Managers may at all times be nominated by the ſaid Faculty of Phyſicians and Surgeons: That one of the Miniſters of the eſtabliſhed Church ſhall be elected a Manager or Director annually by the whole eſtabliſhed Miniſters of Glaſgow: That ten Contributors, reſiding in or near Glaſgow, if ſuch can be found, ſhall be nominated Managers or Directors by ſuch contributors as ſhall have ſubſcribed reſpectively to the amount of Ten Pounds Sterling, or more, or of Two Guineas of annual ſubſcription, or more, after having been Subſcribers for one year, and as long as they ſhall continue to pay the ſaid ſubſcription, and alſo by the Preſeſes or heads of ſuch Societies as ſhall have reſpectively contributed Fifty Pounds Sterling, or more, or who ſhall pay an annual ſubſcription of Five Guineas, or more, after having been ſubſcribers for one year, and as long as they ſhall continue to pay the ſaid ſubſcriptions: And if at any time hereafter it ſhall happen that the whole number of Contributors of the above deſcription ſhall be reduced below the number

of Twenty, then the other Managers legally called to the management as aforeſaid, with ſuch number of Contributors as may ſtill remain, if any ſuch there ſhall be, ſhall nominate ten fit perſons out of the above-mentioned or other deſcriptions or claſſes of perſons to make up the number of twenty-five Managers, in whom the annual management is to be veſted.

And his Majeſty further grants and declares, that the ſaid James MacDowall, Eſquire, the Right Honourable Ilay Campbell, Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion in Scotland, William MacDowall of Garthland, Eſquire, Member of Parliament for the city of Glaſgow, Gilbert Hamilton, Eſquire, Dean of Guild of the ſaid city, James M'Lehoſe, Eſquire, Convener of the Trades of the ſaid city, Thomas Charles Hope, M. D. Profeſſor of Medicine in the College of Glaſgow, and Preſident of the Faculty of Phyſicians and Surgeons in the city of Glaſgow, Robert Cleghorn, of Glaſgow, M. D. George Oſwald of Scotſtown, Eſquire, David Dale, Robert Scott-Moncrief, Archibald Grahame, William Craig, merchants in Glaſgow, Thomas Reid, D. D. Profeſſor of Moral Philoſophy in the College of Glaſgow, George Jardine, Profeſſor of Logic in the ſaid College, Robert Wallace, Alexander Dunlop, and Charles Wilſon, Surgeons in Glaſgow, ſhall take upon themſelves the management and direction of the whole affairs of the ſaid Corporation, from the date of this Charter, till the firſt Monday in February, which will be in the year of our Lord one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety three; any ſeven or more of whom ſhall conſtitute a meeting, or quorum, for managing the funds of the ſaid Incorporation in all matters and things, with power of adjournment as they ſhall ſee cauſe.

That at ſome convenient time before the firſt Monday in January, which will be in the year of our Lord one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-three, the Town Council of Glaſgow, the Merchants' houſe of the ſaid city, the Trades' houſe of the ſaid city, the Faculty of the College of Glaſgow, the Faculty of Phyſicians and Surgeons of the ſaid city, and the Miniſters of the eſtabliſhed Church in Glaſgow, ſhall elect or nominate, their reſpective proportions of Managers above mentioned, which nomination ſhall be intimated and declared at a General Meeting of qualified Contributors to be held on the firſt Monday of January, yearly, by which meeting of qualified Contributors, or a majority of them, on the ſaid firſt Monday of January yearly, ten Contributors, qualified as above, ſhall be choſen Man-

agers or Governors for the enſuing year; and, if the above mentioned Societies, or deſcriptions of perſons having right to nominate Managers, ſhall fail to nominate their reſpective proportions, and to declare their nomination as above, then it ſhall be competent for the Managers legally appointed, or elected, and aſſembled on the firſt Monday of February yearly, to nominate from the ſeveral Societies or Claſſes of men who have failed to nominate, or elect, their reſpective proportion of Managers, to make up the full number of twenty-five Managers for directing and governing the affairs of the Corporation for the enſuing year.

That on or before the firſt Monday of January in the year following, in like manner, twenty-five Managers ſhall be nominated and called to the management, as their ſucceſſors in the management and direction of the affairs of the ſaid Corporation; and ſo on, yearly, and every year forever, the ſeveral Societies and deſcription of perſons having right to elect, ſhall elect and nominate their reſpective proportions of Managers, at the times and in the manner herein directed, which Managers, together with the ſaid Lord Provoſt of Glaſgow, the Member of Parliament for the city, the Dean of Guild, the Deacon Convener of the Trades, all of the ſaid city, the Profeſſor of Medicine, the Profeſſor of Anatomy both of the College of Glaſgow, the Preſident of the Faculty of Phyſicians and Surgeons in Glaſgow, ſhall compoſe the full number of twenty-five Managers the enſuing year, who ſhall immediately thereafter enter on the execution of their office.

That the ſaid twenty-five Managers, any ſeven or more of whom ſhall conſtitute a meeting for conducting the buſineſs, and managing the funds, of the ſaid Corporation, in all matters, excepting as herein after excepted, and their ſucceſſors, in all time coming, ſhall hold four meetings every year, at ſome convenient place within the city of Glaſgow, viz. on the firſt Monday of February, the firſt Monday of May, the firſt Monday of Auguſt, and the firſt Monday of November, yearly, with power to adjourn and to hold as many more meetings as they ſhall ſee needful, and that the majority of Managers ſhall have power, as often as they ſhall think proper, to call a general meeting of qualified Contributors by an advertiſement in the Glaſgow news-papers, at leaſt ten days before the day fixed for ſaid meeting, and intimating in ſaid advertiſement the buſineſs of ſaid extraordinary meeting; and the Reſolutions of which meeting, called in the a-

bove manner, ſhall be as valid and effectual in every reſpect as thoſe of the general meetings fixed by this Charter; and to all meetings of the Managers, the Managers ſhall be ſummoned by a written order at leaſt on the lawful day immediately preceding ſuch meetings.

That the twenty-five Managers or any ſeven or more of them, ſhall after their appointment or election or at their firſt ſtated meeting on the firſt Monday of February yearly, appoint ſuch Committees, of their number, as they ſhall think proper, to take the charge of particular departments of the buſineſs of the Infirmary, and ſhall eſtabliſh ſuch diſtribution and management thereof amongſt themſelves as they ſhall from time to time, find expedient and neceſſary.

That the twenty-five members may and ſhall, annually, after their election and entry into office, nominate and chuſe a Treaſurer to the Corporation, and a Clerk thereto, and ſuch other perſons as they ſhall judge neceſſary to be employed in the ſervice of the Corporation, and ſhall appoint them ſuch ſalaries, fees, or rewards as they ſhall judge proper, and that they may have power at their pleaſure to diſcharge the ſaid Treaſurer and Clerk and others employed as aforeſaid, and to put other officers in their places as they ſhall ſee cauſe, and that the Treaſurer, under the direction of the annual Managers, ſhall have the cuſtody of the Corporation's Caſh, and ſhall receive in, and pay out, all the monies as he ſhall be warranted to do by the ſaid Managers from time to time, and for which he ſhall be obliged to keep, and produce, regular accompts as often as he ſhall be required; that the ſaid Treaſurer ſhall not keep in his hands, at any time, more than Fifty Pounds Sterling, but ſhall be obliged to lodge all ſums above Fifty Pounds in one of the Banks in Glaſgow, at ſuch a rate of intereſt as can be got therefore, for the behoof of the Corporation; and the ſaid Treaſurer ſhall be obliged to give ſecurity for his fidelity in the diſcharge of his office to the ſatisfaction of the annual Managers.

That it ſhall not be lawful for the Managers, or their quorum, to break in upon the ſtock of the Corporation aſcertained at the annual balance on any occaſion, or pretext whatſoever, without the authority of the General Court of Contributors to be afterwards mentioned.

That it ſhall and may be lawful for all and every the members of the ſaid Corporation, or body politic, who ſhall have reſpectively contributed

Ten Pounds Sterling, or more, or Two Guineas, or more, of annual ſubſcription, after having paid ſaid ſubſcription one year, and as long as they ſhall continue to pay it, together with the Preſeſes, or heads, of thoſe Societies, who may have reſpectively contributed Fifty Pounds, or more, or Five Guineas, or more of annual ſubſcription, after having paid ſuch ſubſcription one year, and as long as they ſhall continue to pay it, to aſſemble and meet together on the firſt Monday of January, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety three, in ſome convenient place within the city of Glaſgow, of which due intimation ſhall be given by an advertiſement in the Glaſgow news-papers, and forever thereafter, yearly, on every firſt Monday of January, at ſuch proper place as they ſhall appoint, and that the ſaid members of the Corporation ſo aſſembled, ſhall be and be called a General Court, and they, or a majority, ſo aſſembled, ſhall have full power and authority to make and conſtitute ſuch Bye Laws, Ordinances and Regulations, for the management and government of the affairs of the ſaid Corporation as to them ſhall ſeem meet, ſo that ſuch Bye Laws, Ordinances and Regulations be not contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Charter, nor repugnant to the laws of the realm. That, at the ſecond and every ſucceeding meeting of the General Court, the Managers of the preceding year ſhall lay before the General Court, and the Managers who ſhall ſucceed them in office for the year enſuing, an account of their proceedings in the execution of their office, together with a full and diſtinct ſtate of the Capital Stock of the Corporation, in Lands, Money, or other effects; and alſo a ſtate of the ſick, or diſeaſed poor, taken in and entertained during the year of their management, containing the names of the ſick and diſeaſed, the pariſhes to which they belong, the time when received into the Infirmary, their ſeveral diſeaſes, and the number received, cured, diſmiſſed or dead.

That it ſhall be lawful for the Lord Provoſt of Glaſgow for the time being, to preſide at all meetings of the General Court, and alſo of the annual Managers, and, in his abſence, a Preſident to be elected by the meeting, and the Preſident of ſaid meetings ſhall have a deliberative and caſting vote in all buſineſs that may come before them; that it ſhall be competent for the Lord Provoſt of Glaſgow for the time being, and, in his abſence, the Dean of Guild, or the Preſident of ſaid meeting, to adminiſter the oath *de*

fideli adminiſtratione to the firſt Managers, and the like oath *de fideli* ſhall, in like manner, be, annually, ſworn by all the Managers at the firſt meeting after their election, and that the ſaid Managers, or the Preſident of their meeting, ſhall be appointed to adminiſter the oath *de fideli* to the Treaſurer and Clerk, and others employed by the Managers, at their entry into their office; and, in caſe any of the Managers elected as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe to accept of the office, and to take the oath *de fideli*, or that any of them ſhall happen to die within a year after their election, the other Managers, legally elected, ſhall, at their firſt meeting thereafter, be authoriſed to nominate another Manager, or Managers, in the room of the perſon or perſons refuſing to accept the office, or deceaſed. And the ſaid Managers, or any of them, are hereby authoriſed to receive ſuch further ſums of Money, Lands, Goods, or Gear, as ſhall be given by any perſon whatever to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation, and ſhall keep books for ſubſcription, and ſuch other books as they ſhall think needful, for that purpoſe, and for all other purpoſes of the Corporation.

And his Majeſty doth for himſelf, and his heirs and ſucceſſors, give and grant to the members of the ſaid Corporation, and their ſucceſſors, full power and authority in general meetings aſſembled from time to time, to conſtitute, ordain, and make ſuch and ſo many Bye Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders and Ordinances, as they, or the greater part of them being then and there preſent, ſhall judge proper and neceſſary for the better government and direction of the ſaid Corporation, and the ſaid Bye Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders and Ordinances, or any of them, to alter and annul as the ſaid Corporation ſo aſſembled, or the major part of them then preſent, ſhall ſee requiſite, all and ſingular which Bye Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders and Ordinances ſo as aforeſaid to be made, his Majeſty wills ſhall be duly obſerved and kept, but ſo always as the ſame be noways contrary, or repugnant, to the Laws of the Realm, and the tenor of this Charter, and ſo as ſuch Bye Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders and Ordinances from time to time to be impoſed, and every repeal, or alteration, thereof or any of them, be likewiſe agreed to, be eſtabliſhed and confirmed by a general meeting of the ſaid Corporation to be held and kept next after the ſame ſhall be reſpectively made. And his Majeſty for himſelf, his heirs, and ſucceſſors, declares, that theſe his Majeſty's Letters Patent, ſhall be in, and by, all

things valid and effectual in Law, according to the true intent and meaning of the ſame, and ſhall be taken, conſtrued and adjudged in the moſt favourable and beneficial manner for the beſt advantage of the ſaid Corporation, notwithſtanding any miſrecital, defect, uncertainty, or imperfection, in theſe his Majeſty's Letters Patent. And his Majeſty doth, for himſelf, and his heirs, and ſucceſſors, covenant grant and agree to and with the ſaid Corporation, or Body-politic, and their ſucceſſors, that his Majeſty, his heirs, and ſucceſſors, ſhall and will, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, upon the humble ſuit and requeſt of the ſaid Corporation, or Body-politic, and their ſucceſſors, give and grant unto them all ſuch further and other privileges, authorities, matters and things, for rendering more effectual this his Majeſty's grant according to the true intent and meaning of theſe preſents, which he or they can, or may, lawfully grant, as ſhall be reaſonably adviſed and deviſed by the Counſel learned in the law of the ſaid Corporation, or Body-politic, for the time being, and ſhall be approved of by the Lord Advocate and Solicitor General in Scotland of his Majeſty, his heirs, and ſucceſſors, in his or their behoof. And his Majeſty doth further will and command, that this Charter do paſs the ſeal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and uſed in Scotland, in place of the great ſeal thereof, without paſſing any other ſeal or regiſter; for doing whereof, this ſhall be as well to the Directors of his Majeſty's Chancery for writing the ſame, as to the keeper of the ſaid ſeal for cauſing the ſame to be appended thereto, a ſufficient warrant. Given at his Majeſty's Court at St. James's, the twenty-firſt day of December, 1791, in the thirty-ſecond year of his Majeſty's Reign.

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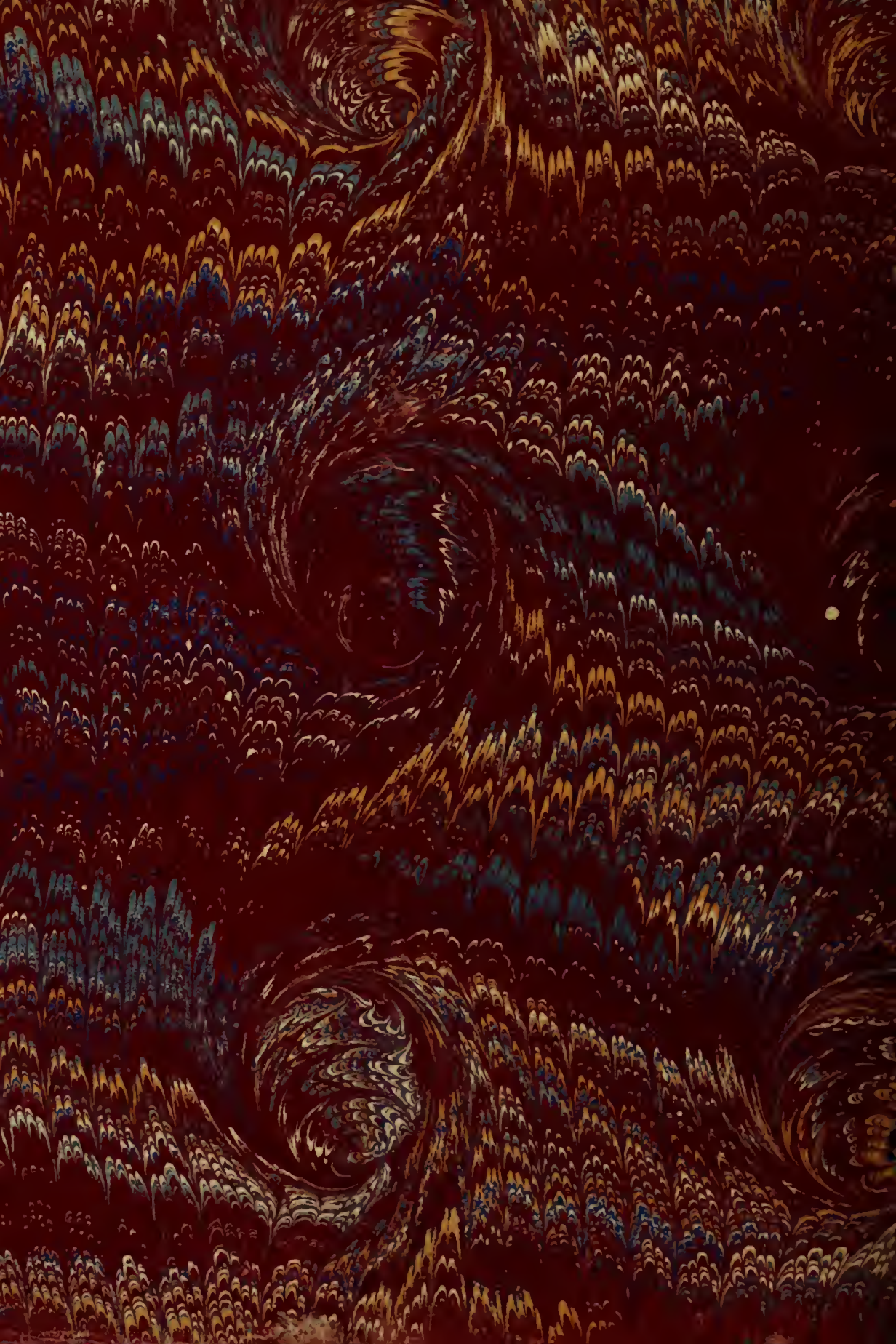
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